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Yesterday, Iran's Vice President Mohammad-Reza Rahimi spoke to senior United Nations officials at an event in Tehran supposedly dedicated to the issue of illicit drug trafficking. He said that the teachings of the Talmud — one of Judaism's holiest books — are responsible for "inciting global drug trade and addiction in a bid to annihilate non-Jewish communities".

He added that gynaecologists around the world kill "black babies" on the orders of the Zionists and said, "The Islamic Republic of Iran will pay for anybody who can research and find one single Zionist who is an addict. They do not exist. This is the proof of their involvement in drugs trade."

Just moments before Vice President Rahimi made these outrageous statements, Antonio De Leo, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime representative in Iran, praised Iran as a "key strategic partner in the fight against drugs".

The consistent complacency of the United Nations in the face of Iranian hate speech and incitement is dangerous. Year after year, President Ahmadinejad uses the United Nations podium as a platform to deny the Holocaust and call for the destruction of Israel. The delusional statements of Iran's leaders are not those of crazy people, but rational fanatics, with irrational hatreds. One can only imagine what such an extremist regime would do if it got its hands on the world's most dangerous weapons.

History shows that words can kill. Yesterday's events are another example of the classic anti-Semitism that is part of the core ideology of Iran's senior leaders, who foster a culture of State-sanctioned hate and incitement to genocide.

I expect the Security Council to issue a statement that clearly and unequivocally condemns Iranian incitement, without any further delay. There are certain times when silence is not an option.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter distributed as a document of the Security Council.

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